



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John A. Kink

Serial No.:

09/832,233

Filed:

04/10/01

Group No.: 1617

Examiner: Sharareh

Entitled:

Prevention and Treatment of Necrotizing Enterocolitis

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1:8(a)(1)(i)(A)

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Dated: March 20, 2003

By:

Christopher J Collins

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir or Madam:

In response to the (non-final) Office Action mailed September 24, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the following Amendments to the above-referenced patent application and an IDS be entered on the record and considered by the Examiner. A petition for a 3 month extension of time is enclosed.

A clean version of the rewritten or added claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(i) is included beginning on page two of this communication. A marked-up version of the rewritten or added claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix I. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(3) as they would appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims	14	_	20	0	×	18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2		3	0	×	84.00	\$0.00

Three Month Extension of Time

\$930.00

SUBTOTAL.

\$930.00

Small Entity 50% Filing Fee Reduction

- \$465.00

Information Disclosure Statement

\$180.00

TOTAL DUE

\$645.00

- 1. A check in the amount of \$645.00 is attached.
- 2. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees necessary for extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1290. An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- Petition for extension of time. The undersigned attorney of record hereby petitions for an extension of time 3.

pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, as may be required, to file this response, Information Disclosure Statement and 1449 with hard copies of references at 4.

Dated: March 20, 2003

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